

# A Declaration or TEST

To Distinguish

## PROTESTANT DISSENTERS,

FROM

## PAPISTS, and POPISH RECUSANTS.

**I** A. B. Do solemnly in the Presence of God, and in my Conscience, Profess, Testify and Declare, that I do not believe that the Church of ROME, or PAPAL CHURCH, is the True Church, out of which, there is no Salvation; Or that the POPE, or Chief Bishop of ROME, is Christs Vicar or Vicegerent on Earth. Or that He, or the See of ROME jointly or severally, is Head of, or hath any Supremacy over the True CATHOLICK CHURCH in General, or my self in Particular. Or is sole or chief Judge in Spiritual Matters, or of the Sense of the Holy Scriptures. Or that the POPE or his Priests have power to Pardon Sins, past, present, or to come.

And I do believe, That at, or after the Priests pronouncing his words of Consecration upon the Elements of BREAD and WINE, commonly called the *Sacrament of the Lords Supper*, or *Sacrament of the Altar*, there is not any *Transubstantiation*, nor any part of the Substance of the Bread or Wine changed into *Flesh* or *Blood* of CHRIST. And that the Sacrifice of the MASSES, and the Use of, Adoring and Bowing to *Crucifixes*, *Pictures* and *Images* in Worship; As also, that the Invocation and Adoration of the Virgin MARY, or any other Saint or Angel, and Prayers to and for the Dead, are Practices *Erroneous*, *Superstitious* and *Idolatrous*, and contrary to the Truth of the *Holy Scriptures*. I Believe there is no Mediator between GOD and MAN, but CHRIST JESUS only the Lord of Life and Glory.

And I do further Believe, That neither the POPE, nor any other, by or under his Authority, hath any Power to Depose PRINCES, or to Absolve their Subjects of their *Allegiance* on any account whatsoever. Or hath Power to Authorize, or give Leave to Me, or any other Subject of this Realm whatsoever, to PLOT or Conspire the Hurt of the KINGS Person, His State, Government, or People.

And I do Truly and Sincerely Profess, and in good Conscience Declare, That I Believe KING CHARLES the II. is the Lawful and Rightful KING of this Realm, and of all other His Dominions and Countreys. And I do Promise to be True and Faithful to Him, and His Lawful Successors; And to live a Sober and Peaceable Life under His and Their Government, as becomes a True Christian, and Protestant Subject.

And I do solemnly in the Presence of GOD, Testifie and Declare, that I make this Declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and Ordinary Sense of the Words read unto Me, as they are commonly Understood by *English Protestants*, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or Mental Reservation whatsoever, &c.